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In the year since Canton was liberated under the leadership of the Communist party and the People's Government, the people of Canton have made great strides in taking over the city, tightening the security rules, prohibiting the circulation of Hong Kong currency, stabilizing the money market and price level, preventing the spread of disease, maintaining sanitary standards; they have, in fact, made great strides in all aspects of the work of rebuilding the city. Plans for restoring certain industrial production and regulating commerce and industry also show some preliminary gains. In carrying out each phase of work designated by the Party to rebuild the city of Canton, young workers, peasants, intellectuals and youths from nearly all circles played an important role along with the people of Canton, and became an indispensable aid to the People's Government. Because of the increased awakening of the youths, as a result of their participation in actual work, the progressive youth organization, the New Democratic Youth League of China, has expanded gradually into schools, government offices and private enterprises in the city, as well as in its suburbs. By the end of August ¹⁹⁵⁰ this year membership of the League had reached 8,100 in its present 38 branches and 320 sub-branches. The League has expanded its organizations into the major factories and schools, all government organizations and has covered part of the suburban area. It is estimated that the Youth League has organized about 80,000 youths who will become a faithful and decisive help to the Party and the People's Government.

Although the American imperialists want to provoke another world war, the democratic forces of the world are gaining momentum. There are many other factors which are favorable to the League's further development. For instance, the whole city has devoted its effort to boost production; the commerce and industry of the city has become more active. Furthermore, social reform in the suburban area is about to be carried out. The study of the new people's democracy is underway and is achieving some progress in all the city schools. As a result of the revisionist movement being conducted in government agencies, the Party's leadership has been greatly improved. The youth of Canton have been quickly awakened. In order to fulfill the ^{League's} active functions in every essential task and to expand the League itself, we must strengthen our organization and extend its membership into every group of the working masses. We should stand for the interest of the youth and the people. We shall bring the youth into our various organizations, inspiring and mobilizing them to work and advance hand in hand with us by showing them our own deeds and by patiently conducting education through the organizations. In short, we must exert all efforts to expand and strengthen the Youth League in the Canton area.

Let us solemnly answer the call of the People's Government to "continue to secure the order and the restoration of production of certain industries" by participating more actively in production and in study by each individual. This is also an answer to the challenge of the provocitive managers. It further serves as a meaningful way to celebrate our national festival and the anniversary

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of the liberation of Canton. Let us expand the Corps' foundation among the masses and carry out the resolution of the first session of the representatives of the Youth Corps which calls for us to strengthen the organization of the Corps with each step forward.

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